zone was appointed on October, 15, 1987.

(b) While the number of LPG cylinders and the overall bottling capacity available in the country are adequate, the demand for LPG continues to outstrip its availability.

(c) As stated at (b) above, the demand for LPG continues to grow at a faster rate then its supply. This has resulted in waiting lists for LPG connections all over the country The oil companies clear the waiting lists based on their Annual LPG Marketing Plans, subject to availability of bulk LPG and related facilities.

Detection of Unauthorised LPG Tankers in Bombay

1534. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: SHRI KAPIL VERMA.

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some unauthorised LPG tankers have been detected in Bombay recently; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to check such activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Proposals for Setting up of Industries in Orissa

1535. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals sent by the Government of Orissa for setting up of new industries are under Central Government's consideration;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in approving them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) During the years 1985, 1986 and 1987 (as on 16-11-1987) 16, 20 and 20 Industrial Licence applications respectively were received from the State Public Sector under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act. 1951 for the grant of Industrial Licences. Of which 18 Letters of Intent were issued while 31 applications were rejected/otherwise disposed of while 7 applications are at various stages of processing. Details of Pending proposals are not divulged till the Government have taken a final decision thereon.

Demand for LPG Connections in Orissa

1536. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding the requirement of LPG connections in Orissa and if so, what is the district-wise demand therefor;

(b) what is the number of LPG connections sanctioned in each district till 31st October, 1987; and

(c) what is the future programme to meet the demand for LPG connections of diffierent district of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) A survey was conducted by the National Council for Applied Economic Research during 1984-85 on behalf of the oil industry to assess the potential demand for LPG in various States during the period 1985-86 to 1991-92. This assessment indicated the demand for the State as a whole.